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A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH for the YEAR 1942.

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TO THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ROMNEY MARSH.

Mr. Chairman and Councillors:-

The area of the District is 31.031 acres.

The Resident Population was 2535 according to the Registrar General's returns.

The number of inhabited houses at the end of the year 1942, according to the Rate Books was 867.

The Rateable Value was £20,163.

The sum represented by a penny rate was £55. (cash basis).

VITAL STATISTICS.

		Males:	Females:	Total:
LIVE BIRTHS:-	Legitimate ...	18	19	37
	Illegitimate ...	1	1	2
		19	20	29

This gives a Birth Rate of 11.47 per 1000 of the estimated resident population.

The Birth Rate for England & Wales was:- 15.8. per 1000.

Birth Rates for the past five years were:-

	Romney Marsh:	England & Wales:
1938	12.46	15.10
1939	10.87	15.00
1940	10.99	14.60
1941	20.31	14.20
1942	11.47	15.80
Average:	13.22	14.94

DEATHS:-	Males:	Females:	Total:
	19	15	34

This gives a Death Rate of 13.41 per 1000 of the estimated population.

The Death Rate for England & Wales was:- 11.6 per 1000.

Death Rates for the past five years were:-

	Romney Marsh:	England & Wales:
1938	12.48	11.60
1939	14.11	12.10
1940	14.76	14.30
1941	10.77	12.96
1942	13.41	11.60
Average:	13.10	12.50.

STILL BIRTHS.- Rate per 1000 total (live & still) births:- Nil.

There were no Still Births.

Deaths from Puerperal causes:- Nil.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	-	3
" " Measles(" ")	-	Nil
" " Whooping Cough (all ages)	-	Nil
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	-	Nil
" " Tuberculosis	-	2. pulmonary, 1

Deaths of Infants under one year of age:- - 2, one male & one female, both legitimate.

" All infants per 1000 live births:-	68.9
" Legitimate infants per 1000 live births:-	68.9
Illegitimate infants per 1000 live births:-	Nil.

The following cases of infectious diseases were notified during the year:-

Pneumonia	- 6
Whooping Cough	- 1
Measles	- 21
Ophthalmia Neonatorium	- 1

The case of Ophthalmia Neonatorium suffered no impairment of vision.
One case of Tuberculosis was notified during the year: a female pulmonary and was sent to a Sanatorium.

WATER SUPPLY:-

The Public Water Supply remains the same. There has been no shortage during the year.
Reports of Bacteriological examinations of both the Mid-Kent & Littlestone samples are received regularly and are always good. There has been no over-chlorination of the Littlestone water.

The Council's scheme for Diphtheria Immunisation is that parents or guardians can have their children immunised by any Medical Practitioner to whom the Council pays a fee of 5/-s. per child. It is impossible to say the exact proportion of children so far immunised, but I can say that the scheme is working successfully.

The Council has no scheme for the treatment of Scabies. Cases among the civilian population are usually mild and are treated at home.

The treatment of venereal diseases is carried out by the County Council, and the nearest Clinics for these diseases are at Ashford and Folkestone.

The treatment of Tuberculosis is also carried out by the County Council.

I am, Lady & Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

5th April, 1944.

ARNOLD McMILLAN.